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### Child Molestation Case Moves Forward

(KAIR)--Arraignment is set for for an elderly Atchison man accused of child sex crimes.

68-year-old Larry Mercer was bound over last week following his preliminary hearing in an Atchison County courtroom.

The arraignment is scheduled for the morning of April 22nd.

Mercer, arrested in early February after Atchison Police were contacted by a family member of the victim, is charged with rape, aggravated criminal sodomy and aggravated indecent liberties with a child.

At the time of the arrest, Police Chief Mike Wilson told MSC News the investigation, launched January 30th, focused on unlawful sexual acts committed against a female victim under the age of 14.

Wilson said Mercer and the victim were acquainted.

He remains held in the Atchison County Jail.

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